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SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM VISIT TO EAST BERLIN

1. HEAD OF GDR ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM IN WASHINGTON (PROTSCH)
INFORMED DEPARTMENT OFFS AUGUST 8 THAT FOLLOWING COM-
MUNICATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM MFA:

A. GDR IS PREPARED TO WELCOME US ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM TO
BERLIN AT 11:00 A.M. AUGUST 12 IN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS.

B. THOROUGH EXAMINATION OF HAUS DES HANDWERKS HAS BEEN
ARRANGED FOR AUGUST 17.

C. DIENSTLEISTUNGSAMT (DLA) IS PREPARED TO CONTINUE AND
BRING TO COMPLETION REMAINING PROBLEMS CONCERNING US
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ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS.

D. DLA EXPECTS THAT US DELEGATION WILL BRING ALL NECESSARY MATERIALS TO PERMIT FULL AND CONCLUSIVE DISCUSSION OF WHAT US WISHES TO HAVE DONE IN CONNECTION WITH PROPERTY OFFERED TO US BY GDR.

E. GDR IS READY TO COME TO A QUICK AND SATISFACTORY RESOLUTION OF THE REMAINING TECHNICAL QUESTIONS IN THE SAME POSITIVE SPIRIT WHICH CHARACTERIZED SUBSTANTIVE NEGOTIATIONS IN WASHINGTON.

2. DEPTOFF SAID US APPRECIATED POSITIVE TONE OF GDR COMMUNICATION, AND GDR READINESS RESOLVE ALL REMAINING ADMINISTRATIVE QUESTIONS QUICKLY. AGREEMENT WAS REACHED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT OF BERLIN VISIT.

3. CONCERNING GDR PROPERTY QUESTIONS IN WASHINGTON, PROTSCH INDICATED THAT THE GDR WAS IN FINAL STAGES OF REACHING AGREEMENT WITH OWNER ON PURCHASE OF FIRENZE ESTATE. GDR HAS NOT LOCATED SUITABLE FREE STANDING BUILDING FOR TEMPORARY CHANCERY AND GDR ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM WAS NOW RECOMMENDING TO MFA THAT GDR SETTLE FOR RENTING FLOOR OF APPROPRIATE OFFICE BUILDING. BUILDING IN DUPONT PLAZA AREA IS CURRENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION. KISSINGER

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